

BOARD OF ELECTIONS FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
Carvel State Office Building
820 N. French Street
Wilmington, DE 19801

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2012

Members Present:

Mr. Brady	Mr. Krzyzanowski
Mr. Lanouette	Mrs. Pase
Mr. Pasquale	Mr. Sterling
Mr. Thurrell	Mrs. Williams-Mayo

Staff Present:

Mr. Albence, Director
Mr. Sholl, Deputy Director
Mrs. Manlove, State Election Commissioner

1. Mr. Brady called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.
2. Mrs. Pase moved and Mr. Sterling seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2012, meeting. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Mr. Brady recognized a member of the public present, Mr. Kenneth Dryden.
4. Mr. Sholl provided an update on the Department's financial status. Expenditures on supplies are a bit high vs. budget, as the Department needed to order some elections supplies prior to Election funds being transferred.
5. Mr. Sholl reported that the Voter Registration Unit is current on all work and informed the Board on the number of registered voters in New Castle County.
 - Sept 1, 2012: 382,829
 - Aug 1, 2012: 380,897
 - Nov 1, 2010: 389,657
6. Mr. Sholl reported on the recent Primary Election, held on September 11th. Generally an excellent election overall, with a few minor issues (detailed in presentation). He recommended that the Board certify the results of the election.
7. Mr. Sholl reported on other recent issues the Department has addressed, which include some candidate eligibility issues (related to filing fee payment and residency).
8. Mr. Sholl informed the Board of the following 2012 elections scheduled:
 - Nov 6: General Election
9. Mr. Sholl reported that activity on the Department's website has increased significantly in the run-up to the Primary Election, and is expected to continue between now and the General Election.

10. Mr. Sholl reported the election preparation efforts:
 - Preparation of absentee ballots for the General Election will begin tomorrow or Saturday, 9/15.
 - Absentee voting will be offered at the warehouse (limited hours). New equipment for this purpose has been purchased for this purpose (using HAVA funds). Dominion Voting staff will install the hardware and software and train staff on its function.
11. Mr. Sholl stated that there are no updates regarding potential Federal or State legislation.
12. Mr. Brady recognized Mr. Dryden. Mr. Dryden expressed a concern that his name did not appear on the poll list at his polling place. Mr. Sholl checked the voter registration system and found that Mr. Dryden is a registered voter and that his name should have been on the poll list at his Election District. Mr. Sholl will have the warehouse staff retrieve the poll list for ED 04-26 in order to determine whether or not Mr. Dryden's name is on the poll list. Mr. Sholl will investigate the matter and report the results back to Mr. Dryden and the Board on his findings.
13. Commissioner Manlove reported the following updates from the Office of the State Election Commissioner (SEC):
 - The SEC will be purchasing large ceiling-mounted fans for the warehouse training area to assist with ventilating the space.
 - The SEC published advertising clarifying the Delaware's voter identification laws have not changed.
 - The SEC will be purchasing flat pack collapsible "totem pole" displays to the Department to display virtually all of the printed materials in the polling place in a consolidated location.
 - The ERIC project has been launched. The ERIC "entity" is incorporated (in Delaware), and the Pew Foundation has transferred control of ERIC to the new Board of Directors. Currently, nine states are participating. Delaware has transmitted voter registration information to ERIC and, when information is received back from ERIC regarding potentially unregistered voters, the SEC will mail postcards to these individuals containing information on the web-based registration tool.
14. Old Business: None
15. New Business:
 - Next meeting: **Tuesday, October 2, 2012** at the Department's offices.
 - Mr. Sterling moved and Mr. Pasquale seconded a motion to certify the results of the September 11, 2012, Primary Election. Motion passed unanimously.

- Mr. Sterling moved and Mrs. Williams-Mayo seconded a motion to make the following polling place changes:
 - 04-02: Carvel State Office Building to Luther Towers
 - 10-02: Bancroft Academy to Connections
 - 04-24: Gauger-Cobbs Elementary School to Christiana High School
 - Motion passed unanimously.
16. Board Removals & Birth Date Corrections:
- Mr. Pasquale moved and Mrs. Pase seconded the motion to:
 - Remove 179 names from the voter registration rolls due to a move out of state.
 - Remove 269 names from the voter registration rolls through the address verification process.
 - Remove 3 names from the voter registration rolls based on a personal request by the voter.
 - Make 10 corrections to birth years noted in voter registration records.
 - Motion passed unanimously.
17. Mrs. Pase moved and Mr. Thurrell seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul Lanouette
Secretary

